

Applicant : Dale Pelletier  
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REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the examiner for providing a close review of the application, and for the remarks in the Office Action.

Claims 1-32 are currently pending. Claims 1-17 and 21-23 have been allowed, claims 18-20 have been rejected, and claims 21-32 are new. Of the claims that are rejected or new, claims 18, 19, and 20 are independent. The Applicant has amended these claims to add features similar to those in the allowed claims, and the Applicant therefore submits that the claims are in condition for allowance.

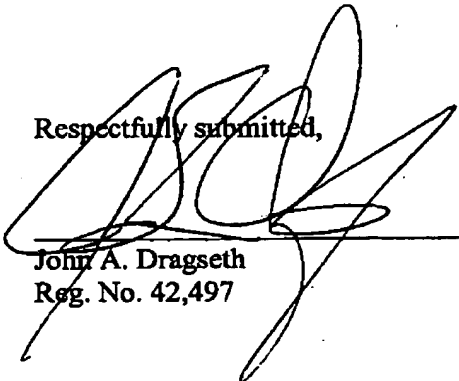
The new claims are all dependent claims, and do not add new matter. Support for the new claims may be found throughout the application as-filed, including at page 7, line 9 to page 8, line 7; page 10, line 23 to page 12, line 18; page 12, line 29 to page 13, line 9.

As a result, the Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance.

Applicant hereby claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$72 for excess claim fees. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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